

We claim:

1. A method for flavoring an ingestible composition which comprises admixing an ingestible vehicle with an organoleptically effective amount of ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate represented by the formula, $\text{CH}_3\text{COS}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{COOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate is present in the ingestible composition in an amount from about 0.001 % to about 1 %, by weight.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate is present in the ingestible composition in an amount from about 0.1 % to about 0.50 %, by weight.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the ingestible composition is a beverage product.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the ingestible composition is a confectionery composition.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the ingestible composition is a chewing gum.

7. An ingestible composition comprising:

- (i) an ingestible vehicle; and
- (ii) an organoleptically effective amount of ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate represented by the formula, $\text{CH}_3\text{COS}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{COOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

8. The ingestible composition according to claim 7, wherein ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate is present in the ingestible composition in an amount from about 0.001 % to about 1 %, by weight.

9. The ingestible composition according to claim 8, wherein ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate is present in the ingestible composition in an amount from about 0.1 % to about 0.50 %, by weight.

10. The ingestible composition according to claim 7, wherein the ingestible composition is a beverage product.

11. The ingestible composition according to claim 7, wherein the ingestible composition is a confectionery composition.

5 12. The ingestible composition according to claim 7, wherein the ingestible composition is a chewing gum.

13. Ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate represented by the formula,
 $\text{CH}_3\text{COS}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{COOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

10 14. A method for preparing ethyl 4-(thioacetoxy)butyrate which comprises reacting ethyl 4-chlorobutyrate with potassium thioacetate.

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